

To whom it may concern:

Ed and I have been married for 26 years. We have two children, a son 25 and a daughter 23. On February 10, 2008 our world changed. Ed was in an automobile accident that left him a quadriplegic, C3-C4 spinal injury.

Before the accident some of Ed's hobbies and skills were farming, hunting, camping, and fishing. He also worked a full time job to provide for his family.

Since the accident our home expenses have went up. Such as our heating bill, as Ed used to cut wood for our outside furnace. We have to hire someone now to plow our large driveway in the winter as Ed used to plow us out with the tractor.

In August 2010 I quit my job working for a local health department. When I would come home Ed would have his shirt halfway up his back and in his chair incorrectly. I could see it in his face he was not happy. Ed never once complained, but after being married to someone for 23 years, you can read them like a book.

Since I have been at home with Ed, I have converted a lot of things for his needs. Ed is hunting, fishing, and camping once again. We cannot just go on a trip and stay in a motel. Even if they are handy-cap accessible. All the facilities that I have contacted, the beds are on boxes, therefore Ed's Hoyer lift will not go under the frame to get him in and out of bed.

By being one of the full time care givers to Ed, it is one of the benefits allowed by the no fault insurance. If not for no fault insurance Ed's recovery right from ICU to acute care and into Mary-Free Bed rehabilitation would have financially ruined our way of living. Because no fault has been in place Ed has had the access to various equipment, rehab therapist, and family care, which is what would end up happening if no fault was altered or changed like the way it is being presented now.

All of us past, present, and future injured people strongly hope and wish you keep the no fault bill in place as it is. From all of us please vote no.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Hollenbeck".

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